

#### Arrival - Overnight Atlanta

The U.S. Civil Rights Trail spans across 14 U.S. states, features more than 100 sites and highlights the U.S.'s civil rights story. Your journey along the U.S. Civil Rights Trail will begin tomorrow morning as you travel to Birmingham, AL



## Day 1 - Birmingham

Freedom Rides National Monument > Kelly Ingram Park

Depart from Atlanta this morning and drive 2 ½ hours west along Interstate 20 towards Birmingham. At about halfway from Atlanta to Birmingham stop in Anniston for a quick break and check out the *Freedom Riders National Monument*. The site of the 1961 bus burning and the former Greyhound station in downtown Anniston are now part of the National Park Service and are dedicated to the Freedom Riders' achievements in the fight for civil rights. In Birmingham you will continue your Civil Rights Journey at *Kelly Ingram Park*. This improved public park that contains emotionally powerful sculptures depicting the civil rights struggle is also the site where the Southern Christian Leadership Conference organized the Children's Marches.

#### **Overnight Birmingham**







# Day 2 - Birmingham

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute > 16th Street Baptist Church

Birmingham, AL

Today you will continue your journey in Alabama along the U.S. Civil Rights Trail. Before departing Birmingham, a visit to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) and 16th Street Baptist Church is a must. The BRCI is a modern museum that serves as a connection to the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, a collection of sites important to the Civil Rights Movement. Visitors to the BCRI can experience a rendition of a segregated city in the 1950s, as well as examine a replica of a Freedom Riders bus and even the actual jail cell door from behind which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. penned his famous "Letter From Birmingham Jail." Sixteenth Street Baptist Church served as a meeting place for the organization of marches and other civil rights activities. In 1963, the church was bombed, resulting in the deaths of four young black girls: Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Denise McNair and Carole Robertson. This event galvanized the federal government to take action on civil rights legislation.

#### **Depart Birmingham**

## Day 3 - Montgomery

Selma Interpretive Center > Edmund Pettus Bridge > Lowndes Interpretive Center

Today you will head south towards Selma. Selma captured the attention of the entire nation and became the center of a decisive shift in the American conscience. The Edmund Pettus Bridge, now a National Historic Landmark, was the site of the brutal Bloody Sunday beatings of civil rights marchers during the first march for voting rights. After Bloody Sunday, protestors were granted the right to continue marching, and two more marches for voting rights followed. From Selma you will follow in the footsteps of "Foot Soldiers" along U.S. Highway 80 better known as the Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail. Begin at the **Selma Interpretive Center** located at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge then drive along the same 54-mile route activists took March 21-25, 1965, including crossing the **Edmund Pettus Bridge**, site of the Bloody Sunday beatings during the first march. Located about halfway along the Selma-to-Montgomery Trail is the **Lowndes Interpretive Center**. This National Park Service site is dedicated to those who peacefully marched from Selma to Montgomery to gain the right to vote. The center serves as a repository of information for the unfortunate and significant events that occurred in Lowndes County during the march. The museum houses exhibits on the death of seminarian Jonathan Daniels; the slaying of Viola Liuzzo, a white woman who assisted marchers by transporting them to Selma; and the establishment of "Tent City," which housed families dislodged by white landowners in Lowndes County.

#### **Overnight Montgomery**





Edumnd Pettus Bridge Selma, AL





## Day 4 - Montgomery

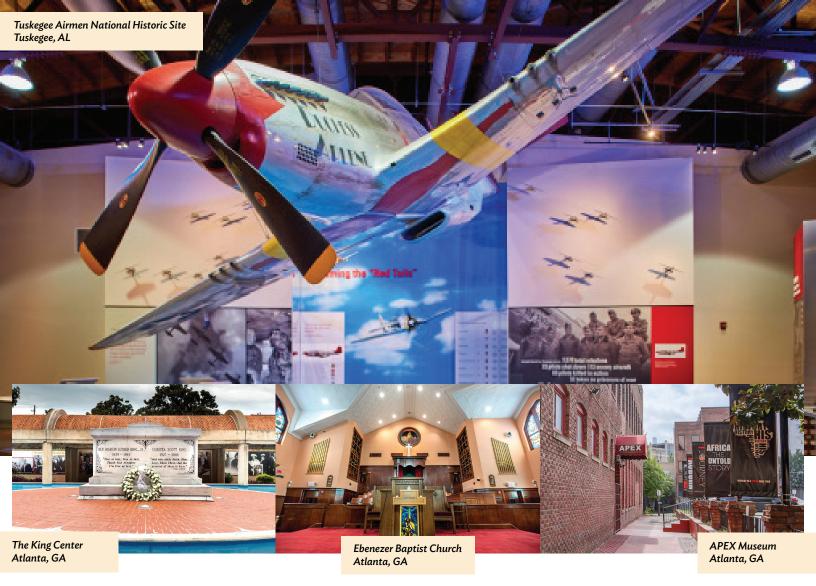
Rosa Parks Museum > Civil Rights Memorial > Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church > National Memorial for Peace & Justice > Legacy Museum

With 10 sites along the trail, Montgomery represents an important place in the fight for equal rights. In the morning walk towards the corner where Rosa Parks was arrested or get your selfie with Rosa Park's statue next to the Court Square Fountain at the bottom of Dexter Avenue. After your picture with Mrs. Parks visit the Rosa Parks Museum on Troy University's campus in downtown Montgomery. The museum offers a unique retelling of the infamous day that led to a movement that would change the world. Next up on your tour is the Civil Rights Memorial is just around the corner from the church where Dr. King served as pastor during the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955-1956, and the Alabama Capitol steps where the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march ended in 1965. The Memorial is located on an open plaza accessible to visitors 24 hours a day, every day of the week. No visitor should leave Montgomery without a tour experience at **Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church**. See where Dr. King preached and organized the peaceful protests and marches that people from all over the country and world would soon be a part of. This afternoon visit The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, the first memorial of its kind, recognizes the thousands of lynchings that occurred across the U.S., many of which were undocumented. Next, visit The Legacy Museum. Located on the site where enslaved people were once warehoused and sold, the Legacy Museum offers the opportunity to reflect on the history of racial injustice in our nation and its effects on our society today.



Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church Montgomery, AL

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# Day 5 - Overnight Atlanta

Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site > The King Center > Ebenezer Baptist Church > APEX Museum

Depart from Montgomery this morning and drive 2 ½ hours east along Interstate 85 towards Atlanta, GA. Along the road towards Atlanta, about 30 minutes outside of Montgomery is Tuskegee where you can check out the **Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site** to learn about the first African-American military aviators in the nation's history. Once in Atlanta explore the wealth of civil rights history starting at **The King Center**, which includes an exhibition hall and the home where Martin Luther King Jr. was born. Listen to some of King's speeches and sermons at **Ebenezer Baptist Church**, and then enjoy quiet contemplation at the nearby World Peace Rose Garden and reflecting pool, home to the "Behold" monument. Visit the Eternal Flame and the crypts of King and his wife, Coretta, and explore the International Civil Rights Hall of Fame, where you can tread in the footprints of civil rights leaders and pioneers. Spend time in the Sweet Auburn District at the **APEX Museum**, which traces the African American experience through videos, photographs and artifacts.

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This concludes your U.S. Civil Rights Trail Journey.